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Mammalian, Potassium Channels and Uses Thereof

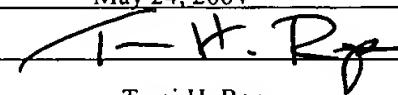
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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the time to submit a response to the Final Office Action in this application be extended. A **Notice of Appeal** was filed in this application on November 19, 2003 and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 24, 2003. The fee of \$740.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(4) is enclosed herewith to extend the period for reply for four months, up to and including **May 24, 2004**.

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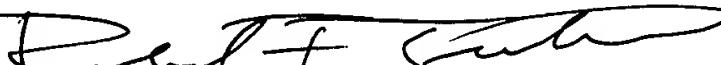
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